UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/083,387	02/27/2002	Hideaki Sakai	219028US0CONT	5716
22850 7590 06/27/2008 OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. 1940 DUKE STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314			EXAMINER	
			TRAN LIEN, THUY	
ALEAANDRIA, VA 22514			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
		1794		
			NOTIFICATION DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			06/27/2008	ELECTRONIC

## Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

patentdocket@oblon.com oblonpat@oblon.com jgardner@oblon.com



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. 1940 DUKE STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Appeal No: 2008-3130

Appellant: Hideaki Sakai et al.

Application No: 10/083,387

Hearing Room: A Hearing Docket: A

Hearing Date: Thursday, August 14, 2008

Hearing Time: 01:00 PM

Location: Madison Building - East Wing

600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## NOTICE OF HEARING CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47. The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced. If there are any inquires, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 571-272-9797.

The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

CONFIRMATION OR WAIVER OF THE HEARING IS REQUIRED. This form must be completed below and facsimile transmitted to both: (1) the USPTO Central fax number (official copy), and (2) the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences fax number (courtesy copy) within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice indicating confirmation or waiver of the hearing. A copy of this notice may be alternately filed by mail if facsimile is not available.

BPAI HEARINGS FAX No: (571) 273-0299

USPTO Central Fax No: (571) 273-8300

BPAI Mailing Address:

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

In all communications relating to this appeal, please identify the appeal by its number.

CHECK ONE: ( ) HEARING ATTENDANCE CONFIRMED ( ) HEARING ATTENDANCE WAIVED

Signature of Attorney/Agent/Appellant Date Registration No.

For information on visitor access to hearing rooms and security procedures at the USPTO Alexandria Campus, see <a href="http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/geounsel/contact.htm#bpai\_contacts">http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/geounsel/contact.htm#bpai\_contacts</a>

Names of other visitors expected to accompany counsel: